



Co-Chairs Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) and Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)
invite you to join

The 25th Commemoration of the Genocide in Rwanda

A Discussion on Preserving Memory and Prioritizing Prevention

Wednesday, May 1

2:45 – 4:15PM

Dirksen Senate Building, Room G-50

April of 2019 marked 25 years since the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. The national mourning period, commonly referred to as Kwibuka, is a moment to pay homage to the victims and reflect on Rwanda's journey of transformation. The Senate Human Rights Caucus will host experts to discuss the various forms of shared memory and the responsibility to preserve it, the long-term and intergenerational challenges experienced by societies that have experienced atrocities, and lessons that we can draw from past contexts to inform the prevention of future genocides.

Featuring remarks by **Rwandan Minister of Justice Johnston Busingye, Senator James Inhofe (R-OK)** and **Senator Chris Coons**

Moderated by **Dr. Zachary D. Kaufman**, Senior Fellow,
Harvard University Kennedy School of Government

Panelists:

Dr. Stephen Smith, Executive Director, Shoah Foundation, University of Southern California

Dr. Margee Ensign, President, Dickinson College

Dr. Gatsinzi Basaninyenzi, Associate Professor, Alabama A&M University

Ms. Immaculée Ilibagiza, Survivor, Author of *Left to Tell*, *New York Times* Bestseller

Ms. Naomi Kikoler, Acting Director, Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

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